

**Amendment to the Specification:**

Please amend paragraph 0001 of the Specification as follows:

[0001] Reference is hereby made to U.S. Application No. 10/029,329, filed December 21, 2001, now U.S. 6,908,636, issued June 21, 2005, and to U.S. Application No. 10/028,631, filed December 21, 2001 now U.S. 6,919,364, issued July 19, 2005, (presently owned by one of the two joint owners of the present application), both of which Applications are continuations-in-part of Application No. 09/893,581, filed June 28, 2001, now abandoned, and to U.S. Application No. 10/313,245, filed December 6, 2002, now U.S. 6,986,910, issued January 17, 2006, which is a continuation-in-part of ~~commonly-owned~~ copending U.S. Application No. 10/029,329, filed December 21, 2001, which in turn is a continuation-in-part of ~~commonly-owned~~ copending Application No. 09/893,581, filed June 28, 2001, now abandoned. Application No. 10/029,329 is owned by another party, and Application No. 10/028,631 is presently owned by one of the two joint owners of the present application. Reference is also hereby made to PCT International Application No. PCT/US02/41479, filed December 26, 2002, which is also presently owned by one of the two joint owners of the present application, in which the United States is one of the designated countries or regions, and to U.S. Application No. 10/603,130, filed June 24, 2003, currently pending (presently owned by that other party). Three of these applications relate, *inter alia*, to use of 1,3-dibromo-5,5-dialkylhydantoin as treating agents for water used in the field of animal processing, while the fourth application relates, *inter alia*, to use of 1,3-dihalo-5,5-dialkylhydantoin other than 1,3-dibromo-5,5-dialkylhydantoin as treating agents for water used in the field of animal processing.